GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
FINANCE
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PLAN FUNDS TO ASSAM
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Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether some States including Assam have recorded the lowest utilization of plan allocated funds during the last three years;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether a large scale diversion of plan funds has been made by the Assam Government; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE
SHRI BALASAHEB VIKHE PATIL

(a) & (b) : There have been shortfalls in full utilization of plan allocation in some States including Assam during the last three years. The position in the case of Assam is as follows:-

(Rs. in crores)

	1996-97	1997-98	1998-99
Original Plan Outlays	1434.00	1520.28	1650.00
Revised Plan outlays	1216.25	1324.08	1389.37
Actual Expenditure	1201.35	1217.26	1295.50

(c) & (d): The State Government of Assam have reported that no plan funds have been diverted.However, diversion to the extent of 20% of the Normal Central Assistance is allowed as a rule in the case of Special Category States like Assam to meet the non-plan revenue gap.